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From the President

By the time this issue of the *Michigan Librarian* reaches you the term of office of your present Executive Board will be about one third over and the work of the association will be moving full speed ahead. The committees will be carrying on their projects and assignments, the district meetings will be planned and ready to be held soon, the spring meetings of many of the sections will be just ahead and a good deal of work will have been done on the annual conference.

Since the last issue of the *Michigan Librarian*, the Council has met and selected a theme for the year — **REACHING OUT — IDEAS FOR**

ACTION. There was a lot of action packed into that Council meeting and the group was full of good ideas on how to implement the theme for the district meetings and the annual conference.

Reaching out is exactly what we have been doing in the last few months. Meetings were held in Saginaw, Benton Harbor and Allegan to discuss the setting up of regional information centers. These centers would result in making full professional reference services available even to the smallest libraries from the regional headquarters. Interest was very strong in all three areas and the Saginaw area is ready to move ahead as soon as the money is made available by the legislature.

Your Executive Board believes that we are at a stage in our library development which requires that we find out where we are and where we are going. We wrote to the Governor requesting him to ask the Legislature for funds for a complete survey of all libraries supported by public funds. He suggested that we attempt to obtain foundation funds for this purpose so that we do not endanger our current legislative program and funds for present activities. We are moving ahead on that suggestion.

This issue of the *Michigan Librarian* has an outline of the legislative program for the present year. The legislature expects this to be a short session and action on our part must be concentrated in a short time. You must act immediately if you want to help our libraries move ahead. We must also remember that the national program needs our support by writing to our congressmen on the Library Services Bill and the postal rate bills. The M.L.A. Executive Board voted to give \$100 to A.L.A. to help with the campaign for the Library Services Bill.

Our Association has 1500 members. Of this number about 250 are actively involved in the work of the association—as officers, committee members, and section and district officers. But what about the other 1250 members? Is their role to be limited to paying dues and listening at meetings? Fortunately this has not been the case in the past and should not be so in the future. Each member can determine for himself the contribution he wishes to make in the program of the Association. Each member can help by keeping informed on new library developments and legislation and making his voice heard on these matters. He can help by serving on committees and programs and speaking up at meetings. With the payment of dues comes an obligation to become active in the Association. Are you meeting your obligations?

William Chait

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The Beginning of Libraries in Michigan

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(Ed. Note: This article was prepared by Dr. Bald from notes of a talk he gave at a 1955 M.L.A. district meeting and was written for publication in this issue of the *Michigan Librarian*.)

Libraries had their origin in the hearts of men and women who loved books. Unable to own as many as they wanted to read, they joined with others to procure a stock which should be available to the whole group. Besides, they drew as many persons as possible into the association, hoping thereby to elevate the cultural level of the community; for they knew that books contain the distilled wisdom of the ages.

During the French and the British regimes, there were no libraries in Michigan. Books were not numerous while the French ruled, for only the priests, the commandants, and a few of the merchants were educated men. Later, inventories of estates show that British merchants in Detroit had fairly extensive collections of books. For example, in 1796, William Macomb's widow sold nearly 200 volumes including Swift's works, Plutarch's Lives, Hume's England, Robertson's America, and Smith's Wealth of Nations.

There was no library, but books were lent then as now, and probably just as tardily returned. John Askin, a leading Detroit merchant, kept a list of his books and the borrowers on a page of his store journal.

The Americans who came to Michigan after the occupation in 1796 brought new ideas with them. Perhaps the benefits of a library, at least in the largest settlement, Detroit, were often discussed; but the population was small and money was scarce.

The first gesture was made in 1817 when the law drawn up by Judge Augustus Brevoort Woodward for establishing a university provided also for libraries. None were set up, but in the same year the "City Library of Detroit" was organized. Shares of stock were sold for \$5.00 and from the proceeds \$450.00 were given to the Rev. John Monteith to purchase books in the East. He set out on horseback, carry-

ing the money in his saddlebags.

The books of the "City Library" were placed in the building on Bates Street which had been erected for the University of Michigan. Although no courses of college level were conducted, a grammar school and a classical academy occupied the building, and the teachers served as librarians, lending books to the members of the Library group.

In 1831 the Detroit Athenaeum was established with Governor Lewis Cass as president. It had a reading room, and the books were transferred there from the University building. Soon the Athenaeum merged with the Young Men's Society, a very active organization occupying its own building, and the books again were moved. The number increased so that in 1876 there were about 16,000 volumes.

Books in the libraries which have been mentioned were, of course, accessible only to members of the organizations which owned them. The first public library was established in Detroit in 1865. Located originally in the old Capitol, it occupied its own building in 1877 on the site of the present downtown branch. Some of the books of the City Library and of the Young Men's Society were acquired by the Detroit Public Library.

State Library Established 1828

Before even Detroit had a library supported by public funds, the Legislative Council of Michigan Territory established the State Library in Detroit in 1828. It was moved to the new capital, Lansing, in 1847. The makers of the constitution of Michigan in 1835, believing that books should be made readily available to all the residents, provided for township libraries "as soon as the circumstances of the state will permit." Proceeds of fines collected in the courts were to be used for this purpose. Because the law was not enforced, the development of township libraries was slow. Sometimes the books, when there were any, were kept in the home of an individual instead of in a public building, and access to them was not easy.

The Constitution of 1835 provided for a University, and the law passed by the legislature in 1837 implementing that provision required the appointment of a librarian. Although there was yet neither a university nor a library, the Regents dutifully appointed a librarian, the Rev. Henry Colclazer, Methodist minister in Ann Arbor. The first accession was a notable one, Audubon's *Ornithology*, purchased in November, 1837, for \$970. The plates in eight large volumes and the text in four quarto volumes are still in the University Library.

Dr. Asa Grey, the noted scientist, was engaged as the first member of the faculty. He was to teach Botany and Zoology. Because buildings had to be erected, there was no employment for him in Ann Arbor; and so the Regents gave him \$5,000 with which to purchase books during a trip through Europe in 1839. The 3,700 volumes which he sent back were, practically, the library of the University when it opened its doors in 1841. Dr. Grey severed his connections with the University of Michigan before it went into operation and became a famous professor at Harvard.

At first the books were kept in one of the professors' houses on the campus, but they were soon removed to Mason Hall, which contained student rooms, the chapel, the museum, and classrooms. The books were at all times accessible to members of the faculty, but for a time they might be used or drawn out by students only on Saturday afternoons. Only books specified by the professors as suitable for students might be lent to them. One of the professors usually served as librarian, and for a while the janitor was assistant librarian.

Ladies' Library Associations

The public libraries of Michigan cities are, in many cases, descendants of book collections assembled by Ladies' Library Associations. First in point of time was the Flint association, organized in 1851. The second was the Kalamazoo association which was founded a year later. Others soon followed their example. In 1876 there were twenty-five of them.

The pattern in all the cities was much the same. A small group of women, themselves interested in good literature and eager to promote reading in their

community, banded together to accomplish their purpose. They acquired a room and by various means raised money to furnish it with books. Membership fees and annual dues were collected. Use of the library, of course, was limited to members.

Three minute-books of the Ann Arbor Ladies' Library Association, which are in the Michigan Historical Collections of the University of Michigan, contain details about the origin and growth of that organization, which was probably typical.

The Ann Arbor Association was incorporated in 1866 with thirty-three charter members. In a later publication they were characterized as "a few earnest women who wanted to afford means of social and intellectual improvement." The group contained wives of members of the University faculty and of business and professional men in the city.

The meetings, held at first in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, were opened with prayer. The library was soon moved into rented quarters, and in 1886 the association erected its own building.

Support for the library was obtained in several ways. The admission fee was \$3.00, and the annual dues were \$1.00. In 1868 "gentlemen" were admitted to membership at the same rates. Entertainments and other enterprises were conducted with the hope of raising funds.

A tableau in 1866 produced \$135, and a cantata \$259; but sometimes the returns were not worth the effort expended. In 1867, Miss Frank Pierce, a noted elocutionist of Grand Rapids, was engaged. Her fee was \$50. According to the minute book, "The character of the recitations was very artistic and gave very general satisfaction." Nevertheless, not enough tickets had been sold, and when the receipts were counted and expenses deducted, the ladies were embarrassed to find that they had only \$51. Miss Pierce, learning of the situation, very generously declined to accept her fee.

Two years later a "Ladies festival" produced only \$9.32. For the entire year of 1869 the total income was \$360. Conditions improved, however, and the catalog issued in 1887 listed 3,000 books housed in the new library

building. The association continued to flourish until 1916 when it gave the building and the books to the Ann Arbor school board. Thus the small collection of books made by "a few earnest women" grew through their efforts to become the public library of Ann Arbor, and similar developments occurred in many other cities.

The sentiment expressed by the secretary of the Ann Arbor Association in

an anniversary report aptly summarizes the work of all the associations. "One result must be apparent to all, that a taste for reading has been cultivated and a more general desire for self-improvement has been stimulated, while the means for gratifying those desires have been brought to many homes at small expense. We do not hesitate to say that this Library is a moral power in this community which is exerting a silent but healthful influence."

Michigan Week Is Our Business

Esther Loughin

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Michigan Week — the third annual observance dedicated to telling the people of the state and the country about Michigan's greatness, will be celebrated May 20 to 26. "It's great to live in Michigan" is this year's slogan.

"No one doubts that Michigan people love and take great pride in Michigan," a spokesman of the Michigan Department of Economic Development states, "but it has long been felt by many observers that Michigan people are not demonstrative enough in expressing this pride in their state.

"Michigan Week is a statewide effort to dramatize our state, to get Michigan people talking about Michigan—as a Texan talks about Texas, or a Californian talks about California—in the hope that not only will we come to know and love Michigan even more but will let other parts of the nation know how we feel about our great state."

While the Economic Development Commission sponsors Michigan Week and staffs some of its activities, the program has been, and is designed to be, another team operation in which all interests, public and private, organization and individual, will work together to promote Michigan.

To librarians, "Michigan" is big business every day. Birthdays such as the "Soo" centennial this past summer and the earlier year-long festival hailing Detroit's 250th anniversary are giving our people a fresh interest in Michigan's heritage.

Such spectacular projects as linking the peninsulas with the great Mackinac bridge and the reality of the St. Lawrence Seaway push Michigan frequently into the headlines.

The reflection of these things "Michigan" shows up in questions over library desks. Librarians welcome the opportunity of this special week each spring to join other local groups in promoting knowledge of and pride in the Michigan story.

Russel Swaney, head of Detroit's Federal Reserve Bank, who was Wayne County chairman for the 1955 Michigan Week, is the general chairman this year. This announcement is made by Walker L. Cisler, president, Detroit Edison Company, as president of Greater Michigan, Inc., and Dan Gerber, president of Gerber's Baby Foods, Fremont, as chairman of the State Economic Development Commission. These two organizations are the principal sponsors of this event.

Mrs. Loleta Fyan, state librarian, is a member of the Executive Board for Michigan Week and is chairman of the Literature Committee of the Michigan Week Cultural Activities Board.

A subcommittee of the Cultural Activities Board is working on a survey of cultural activities in Michigan communities. A questionnaire was sent last October to all public librarians by Sister M. Claudia, as president of the Michigan Catholic Library Association and Mrs. Ethel Yabroff, as president of the

Michigan Library Association. Art institutes, museums, special libraries, interesting landmarks, notable type of architecture, notable art objects, significant ethnic groups, summer school art sessions, and little theatre groups were among activities to be reported. It is expected that the information will be published.

As in the first two years, county chairmen are now being appointed, who in turn name local chairmen to handle the numerous local activities of Michigan Week and its seven special days. Michigan Spiritual Foundations Day will be Sunday, May 20; Exchange of Mayors Day, Monday, May 21; and the week will close, May 26, with New Frontiers Day. Ask your local committee for other special days when you offer the library's help with Michigan Week plans.

Michigan Week Suggestions

Library activities used effectively during the first Michigan Week or which might be tried this year include:

Attractive exhibits of Michigan books and pamphlets, with enough copies of the many excellent books in print to satisfy the interest focused by Michigan Week, are reported by many librarians.

Posters have featured such displays. Some of these have used scenic areas with a "Work Hard—Play Hard in Michigan" caption; others have used literary maps of Michigan relating books or authors to their locale; some have used the ready-made decorative pictorial map available from the Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing (\$1.50).

"Plan a 'Treasure Hunt' for Michigan books in your community," Francis X. Scannell, chief of Readers' Services, Michigan State Library, suggests. "Seek out books by Michigan authors, books about Michigan, especially local and county histories, as well as family histories and older books with Michigan imprints. Ask people in your town if they would be willing to display any such material during Michigan Week at the library or in a local store window.

"Some librarians contact local historical societies, newspapers, churches, service clubs, women's clubs, school and youth organizations for assistance in

carrying out the program that will assure libraries of a vital role in the local celebration," he adds.

Other librarians have welcomed this occasion to bring groups to the library. "Student classes invited to the library," Mrs. Majel B. Reed of Belding, writes, "were interested in Michigan through talks and stories about past and recent history. Indian lore and especially the town's own history—unique because Belding was once the 'Silk City of the U.S.'—were popular. This year we are planning industrial exhibits, asking that local industries make them for display in the library."

Mrs. Florence Dearing, Cromaine Library, Hartland, similarly helped young people, through exhibits and talks in the library, to discover that the most exciting stories are in their own backyard. Books about Michigan and by Michigan authors, old documents, maps, pictures, newspapers, and autographs were displayed. "Family albums were a source of special delight to young people, far beyond my expectation, even in this visual age," Mrs. Dearing comments, adding, "amazing is a mild word for the interest sparked from this effort. It reached into homes as well."

Mrs. Dearing, as chairman of "Our Heritage Day" in Livingston County, planned an evening affair which drew in many county-wide interests. Centennial farmers—whose farms had been in the family for a hundred years—were honored guests (along with the Queens for the week)—and received Centennial Farm Plaques from the Michigan Historical Commission. Winners in the children's essay contest, "Why I Like Living in Michigan," were given awards. There was good music and community singing of Michigan songs. Open house and exhibits in the library followed, and the evening closed with coffee and refreshments in the new elementary school.

Library days "at home" were arranged so that librarians of Livingston County could visit each other, just as mayors make exchange visits. Mrs. Reed of Belding and Mrs. Helen G. Clark, Evart librarian, were among others to exchange posts. "We will invite trustees to join in the exchange this year," Mrs. Reed adds.

Librarians who had well developed

local collections report this forethought paid off handsomely because it had accustomed community groups to turn to them for help.

The excellent account in this issue by Mary Daume of a librarian's imaginative approach to local history in Monroe—one of Michigan's oldest counties—well illustrates this point. You will find her bibliography of Michigan materials, available on request from the Monroe County Library, a prime tool in getting ready for Michigan Week.

This was true in Wyandotte where librarian Hazel Adair has an outstanding Wyandotte collection headed by Mrs. Edwina DeWindt. The library's fine slide collection about Wyandotte was the core of several P.T.A. programs during Michigan Week.

Lee Gregory, now Cadillac-Wexford librarian, has made a strong case for local history in welding library and other local groups in a purpose fruitful for the library. (See his article in *Michigan History*, March 1955 or in *Library Journal*, January 1, 1956.)

A special TV show on Michigan books is arranged by William Chait of Kalamazoo who also reports featuring Michigan Week in the library's regular radio program and spot announcements. A book display is sent to any community organization which has a program.

Maureen Fisher of Niles, whose newspaper columns always make good reading, takes advantage of Michigan Week to ask, "Where is the person or group who will write the Niles history so needed in our work with young and adult users?"

In Saginaw, librarian Stanley Tanner is planning an exhibit of local theater programs from the 1860's on, to point up one facet in Saginaw's cultural life.

Other suggestions include:

Talks on Michigan books to a women's book discussion group sparked by the librarian, now in its fourteenth year.

Tours of Michigan authors sponsored by a library circuit, such as was done for Children's Book Week by Midland, Flint, and Saginaw libraries.

Invitations to older residents to take over the children's story hour, to tell

stories of early life and folklore in their town.

Showing such Michigan films as *The Locks of Sault Ste. Marie*, in color. This film may be borrowed from Michigan State Library, or from the Audio-Visual Education Centers at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Distribute the folders, *Michigan Pioneer Record* and *Michigan's Heritage*, offered without charge by Michigan State Library to libraries, schools, and local groups. The latter, designed for young people, was developed for the first Michigan Week when all elementary students in Mason County took part in a family tree project.

These Helps Are Free

You will find the following invaluable in working out your plans:

Michigan in Books, 1954, free from Michigan State Library, Lansing (supplemented by the list of later books in this issue).

Free and Inexpensive Michigan Pamphlet Materials, excellent list, on request to Clover Flanders, Extension Service, University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor.

I'm Glad I Live in Michigan, a fine list of 16 mm sound films, filmstrips, tapes, slides, records, and books featuring Michigan, free from Mary Daume, Monroe County Library.

List of Michigan Films, from Michigan Department of Economic Development, Lansing. Ask, too, for their information sheets and handbooks. *Suggestion Sheet for Promotion of Cultural Activities* is especially helpful.

Don't miss your opportunity this year. Michigan Week belongs to everyone.

The Library and Michigan Week

Mary Daume

Librarian, Monroe County Library

Plans for Michigan Week, 1954 proved to Monroe County Library that its collection of local and State historical materials was much too small. As for up-to-date material about Monroe County, there was only one pamphlet.

What to do? Why, get busy and find more material! Because most of the items needed were long out-of-print, the library had to seek new sources of information.

First — a questionnaire, to be answered by school children, church groups, organizations and individuals. The answers brought information about the Indians, early settlers, old buildings, roads, lost villages, and, most important, the names of older residents who might remember stories or incidents of their youth. A staff member interviewed these persons, making tape-recordings of each interview. Gradually, a card-file of information about each township is being compiled, eventually, we hope, to be the basis of a new history of Monroe County. The interest aroused by the questions prompted many projects in the local history classes of the schools and formed programs for several club meetings.

Next — A list of Michigan material available at the library. Like Topsy, that list just grew and grew. The library staff listed films, filmstrips, pictures, slides, books and recordings, finally compiling a seven-page list. "Out of Michigan's Past", "Paul Bunyan and the Blue Ox", and "The Locks at Sault Ste. Marie" were among the list of films, while filmstrips included, "Cadillac's Village", "People of the Midwest", and "Henry Ford" among others. 2x2 color slides pictured both local scenes and other areas of the State. Stereoscopic views of Michigan and of primitive Indians were included as well as pictures like, "Life in America: The Midwest". The book list covered seven pages, from Cross' "Tommy and the Indians" and Holling's "Paddle-To-The-Sea" to Arnou's "The Dollmaker" and Bald's "Michigan in Four Centuries".

Pre-recorded tapes on the list included a series on Michigan Indians as well as dramatizations of the "Battle of Lake Erie", "Mad Anthony Wayne" and many others. The phonograph records listed children's stories, music and

biographies. Such titles as "Little Indian Drum", "Battle of Tecumseh" and "Indian Music of America" were especially popular.

Now, the library has a workable list of material for Michigan Week, but how to interest people in using that material? The library column in the Monroe Evening News was the first step. Then copies of the Michigan listing went to each school, church and organized group throughout the county with a letter suggesting library help in planning programs based on our State. The Monroe County Michigan Week Committee itself, used the list and suggestions. Meanwhile, the newspaper continued to give generous publicity to Michigan Week. As a result, two local merchants featured Monroe County Authors in their Michigan Week window displays. Another displayed paintings and sculpture by local artists. For these displays, the library contributed many materials. Other stores featured school projects based on the library's Michigan listing.

What else could the library do? To provide up-to-date material about Monroe, the library collaborated with the Michigan Week committee in publishing a new leaflet about Monroe County, the cost being born by industry. These were distributed to schools, clubs and individuals. Local industries also included them in out-of-state mailings during May.

The local CIO union designed a lapel button of green and white with the slogan, "I'm Glad I Live in Michigan" for each of its members. The library also distributed these very popular buttons to both children and adults through its bookmobiles and branches.

One of the most rewarding library projects inspired by Michigan Week was the development of a Monroe County Historical Map. The map was designed by a committee of the County Teachers' Institute and printed by the library for school rooms throughout the county, as well as many organizations and individuals.

We proved that a library can be important in making a success of the Michigan Week celebration. The cost is negligible, it's exciting to help promote our State, and it's a sure way to win friends for the library.

Michigan in Books

Prepared by Reader Services Section, Michigan State Library

Just in time for the first Michigan Week, a basic list of books in print, *Michigan in Books, 1954*, was published by Michigan State Library. Thousands of copies of this excellent list, by Louise Rees, have been and are still being distributed.

Many good Michigan books have been published since that time, however, and this is an attempt to round up the cream of the crop as a supplement to the earlier list.

Our Michigan Heritage by Kathleen I. Gillard, published in January by Pageant Press, \$5, is certainly the answer to the librarian's prayer. It does full justice to Michigan's literary glory and it comes at a moment to be most acclaimed: in time for Michigan Week, May 20 to 26.

Miss Gillard is a native Michigander. She was born in the Thunder Bay region and was both a student and a teacher at Alma College. "I now live with my dear friend, Mrs. Ella Love Hutton, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where I spent thirteen happy years as dean of women," Miss Gillard writes. "But when May 1st arrives, we begin to pack our bags for the return to our home at Hubbard Lake and our beloved Michigan."

Our Michigan Heritage is readable and "meaty." You will admire the way in which Miss Gillard has taken literary Michigan "out of a pocket" and set it mid-current in the stream of Michigan social and political history, as well as

in the larger American story.

Mercy of the Court by Monica Porter, a native Detroit with deep family roots in early Michigan, is a recent first novel about a juvenile offender which possesses heart, strength, and style.

There is neither time nor need to single out the many other Michigan books which we include with pride by such authors as Arnow, Gringhuis, Fisher, Magoon, Neville, Judson, and the Baylisses.

We will, however, mention two sturdy titles just published which will find many uses in your library.

One is a comprehensive bibliography, *Michigan State and Local Government and Politics*, by J. Turano, assistant professor of political science, University of Detroit. It is published by the Bureau of Government, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Its 6200 entries, relating to all eras in Michigan, include both periodical articles and books—and as recent as April, 1955.

The second is the *Michigan Statistical Abstract* published by Michigan State University, East Lansing. The *Abstract* makes available for the first time under one cover the latest statistics on population, climate, vital records, employment, education, industries, manufacturing, housing, transportation, and banking. Both publications illustrate the excellent publications coming from these two Michigan university presses.

A selected list of Michigan books appearing since the 1954 list, includes:

Fiction with Michigan Locale

Arnow, Harriette. *Dollmaker*. Macmillan, 1954 \$5.00

Erno, Richard. *My Old Man*. Crown, 1955 \$3.00

Gay, Margaret C. *Hatchet in the Sky*. Simon and Schuster, 1954. \$4.50

Petersen, E. J. (Pete) *White Squaw*. Tall Timber Press, Sand Lake, Michigan, 1954. \$3.00

Porter, Monica. *Mercy of the Court*. Norton, 1955. \$3.50

Ratigan, William. *Soo Canal*. Eerdmans, 1954. \$3.00

Song of Hiawatha. Facsimile of first edition of Longfellow's epic, with introduction by William Ratigan. Excellent early pictures of Soo area. Eerdmans, 1955. \$2.50

For Young Readers

- Bleeker, Sonia. *Chippewa Indians: rice gatherers of the Great Lakes*.
Morrow, 1955. \$2.00
- Buehr, Walter. *Through the Locks: Canals Today and Yesterday*. Putnam. \$2.25.
- Carr, Harriett H. *Where the Turnpike Starts*. Macmillan, 1955. \$2.75
Turbulent years of Michigan's fight for statehood.
- Derleth, August. *Land of the Sky Blue Waters*. Aladdin, 1955. \$2.75
- Elms, F. Raymond. *Let's Explore the Great Lakes*. Whitman, 1953. \$2.00
- Fisher, Aileen. *Timber! Logging Camps in Michigan*. Aladdin, 1955. \$1.75
- Frazier, N. L. *Somebody Special*. Longman. \$2.75
Sequel to *Little Rhody*.
- Gringhuis, Dirk. *Young Voyageur*. Whittlesey House, 1955. \$2.75
- Judson, Clara Ingram. *Mighty Soo*. Follett, 1955. \$3.50
- Kelly, Regina Z. *Beaver Trail*. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1955. \$2.50
- Kielgaard, James A. *The Spell of the White Sturgeon*. Dodd, 1954. \$2.75
- Magoon, Marion W., *Ojibway Drums*. Longmans, 1955. \$2.75
- Ratigan, William. *Young Mr. Big*. Eerdmans, 1955. \$2.00
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RETIRES:

Mrs. Gail Meade, Detroit Public Library's Monnier Branch. D.P.L. member since 1915.

HONORED:

Alice Forward, Wayne County Library, elected one of three representatives by the Division of Hospital Libraries on the A.L.A. Council.

Ralph A. Ulveling, with honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Wayne University.

BORN:

David Laurance, December 18th, 8 lb. 11 oz., to Peg and Keith Doms.

NEW:

Georgia Elliott, University of Wisconsin Library School, professional assistant to Supervisor, Children's and Young People's Work, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, Midland.

DIED:

Elizabeth Laidlaw, cataloger, State Library, 1929-36, State Law Library, 1936-1953. Member, M.L.A., A.L.A., Michigan Regional Group at Catalogers, A.A.U.W.

MIDLAND:

Permission was granted to include pictures and a part of the Midland "library story" in the 1956 Annual Supplement of the World Book Encyclopedia.

RESIGNS:

George Jones, Grosse Pointe Public Library to take job in Vancouver, British Columbia.

MOVES:

Jim Sterling, Librarian, Phelps Free Library, Big Rapids to Librarian, Carnegie Library, Sault Ste. Marie.

Courses are offered at both the graduate and the undergraduate levels. The courses numbered below 400 are for undergraduate credit only, and those numbered 400 may be taken for either graduate or undergraduate credit while the courses numbered 500 are open only to graduate students. All new students who wish to apply for admission should send in college transcripts at the time when their application forms are filled out. Students who wish to enter the Graduate Division must make application directly in that office and arrange for an interview with the Director, if possible, before the time of registration.

Two visiting professors will augment the regular faculty this year. Mr. William Chait, Director of the Kalamazoo Public Library will teach the course in administration and Miss Hazel Brown, Librarian of the Longfellow Elementary School, Royal Oak will teach storytelling and courses in curriculum enrichment materials. Miss Gertrude Van Zee, Miss Jean Lowrie and Miss Louise LeFevre all on the regular faculty will also be teaching this summer.

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363 Rural and Urban Library Administration	3
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406 Storytelling	2
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Summer Session

Western Michigan College

A number of courses of special interest to librarians in public, county or regional libraries will be offered at the annual summer session of the Department of Librarianship at Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo. The session extends from June 18 through July 27th. Applications for admission should be made before June 1, 1956.

Courses will be offered in the administration of county, regional and other types of public libraries, in the selection of books and related materials for children, young people and adults, in the history of books and printing, in the role of the library in the modern community especially in relation to adult education and in storytelling applicable in either school or public library service. School librarians will also find other courses designed for the special needs of the school library.

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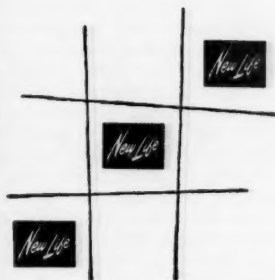
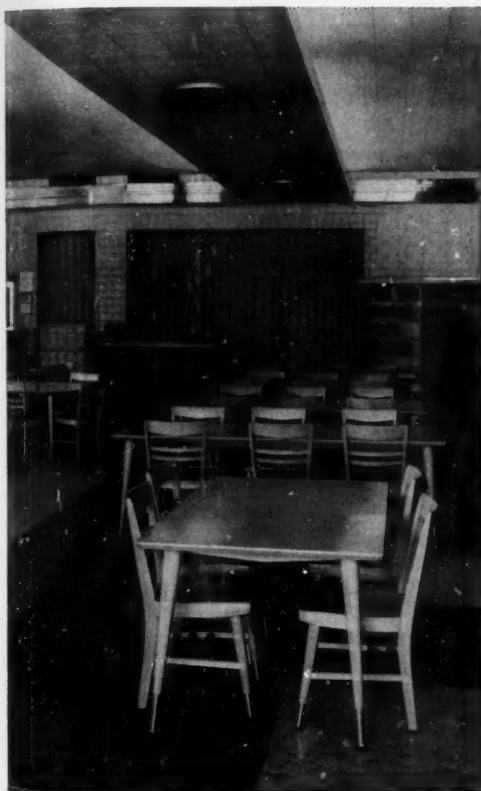
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What State Aid Has Accomplished: What It Can Accomplish*

Robert Armstrong
Legislative Chairman

The *Michigan Librarian* for March 1955 had a very good review of what has been accomplished by State Aid to Libraries since 1937. At that time, 27% of the total population in Michigan had no local public library service. Today, 13% are deprived of local library service and in 5 counties there are no local libraries. Before State Aid, public libraries received, on the average, 54 cents per capita from local tax sources. The average local tax support is now \$1.56 per capita. Since we have had State Aid, the book stock of public libraries has increased by over 2,000,000 volumes. Unfortunately it still provides only 1.1 books per person. We have made steady, unspectacular progress.

We have also accomplished the spectacular. The Iosco-Arenac Regional Library is the first regional library in Michigan. The library demonstration project proved its value and now is locally tax supported. The Grand Traverse Area project is progressing well. The area includes the counties of Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanau, Antrim and Kalkaska. Each county is to have 2 years of demonstration before it is asked for local support. Last year's budget cuts delayed the completion date of the project. It is imperative the money requested be appropriated this year. The people in the area are working hard to get the money appropriated by the Legislature. They need your help.

Regional Loan Centers

The Planning Committee of your Association last year suggested a system of Regional Information and Inter-library Loan Centers. The State Board for Libraries decided to ask for enough money to start 3 of these centers. The idea would be to have an established library serve as the central library, housing the augmented collection and getting additional professional staff help. The central library and each cooperating library would get some funds to improve their book collections. The idea

would be to encourage cooperative activities between libraries, librarians, and trustees in neighboring communities. The plans call for a minimum of direction from outside authorities.

More regional library projects could easily evolve from these Information and Inter-library Loan Centers. The important thing is that money will be given to smaller libraries so they can help themselves and help their library neighbors. It was estimated that each project would cost approximately \$25,000 per year to operate. After a suitable demonstration period, the local communities should assume the cost of the operation. Plans are not definitely established though many exploratory meetings have been held in various sections of the Southern part of the state. It is hoped to establish these centers in accordance with natural geographical and trading area boundaries. The Saginaw Valley, an eight-county area comprising Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, and Tuscola counties could make up such an area. Allegan, Van Buren, Berrien and Cass counties might make up another area. Oakland county has expressed interest in such a plan. A glance at the Governor's budget recommendations will give a very strong hint that, at best, only one area can get such a project underway this year. It is obvious that if these areas want to help themselves give better library service, they should have the opportunity. They can only get the money if the Legislature restores the cuts the Governor made in our budget requests. What the Legislature depends on is pressure and pressure depends on you.

State Aid to Libraries has accomplished much in Michigan. Much remains to be done.

**(All material on library legislation was prepared by Mr. Armstrong & the M.L.A. Legislative Committee.)*

THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

State Funds for Libraries

State Library and Law Library	Appropriation 1955-1956	Budget Requests for 1956-1957 Requested by State Board for 1956-1957	Recommended by Governor
Salaries - - - - -	\$290,437	\$352,603	\$330,733
Contract services, supplies, books, binding, etc. - - - - -	107,500	133,705	131,140
Furniture - - - - -	1,500	4,027	2,209
U.P. Branch - - - - -	25,000	46,280	46,000
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	\$424,437	\$536,615	\$510,082

Funds for Local Libraries

Basic grants to Public Libraries - - - - -	362,000	455,000	455,000
(6½c per capita for General Library Fund)			
Public Library Development Grants - - - - -	38,000	128,352	65,832
(The totals in the line above are arrived at by adding the following figures)			
1. Grand Traverse Regional Library - - - - -		99,952	91,132
2. Exhibit Bookmobile - - - - -		18,000	16,500
3. 3 Regional Information Inter-library Loan Centers - - - - -		73,200	21,500
4. General Administrative costs - - - - -		12,500	12,000
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		\$203,652	\$141,132

Needed to provide for Library Development Grants

Ten percent of the amount appropriated for Basic Grants to Public Libraries goes toward Library Development Grants (\$45,500)

The balances from the County and Regional Library Development Fund — unused County Librarian's salary reimbursements — go toward Development grants — estimated at (\$29,800) \$45,500 + \$29,800 = \$75,000 which can be deducted from the amount needed for Library Development Grants

State Board — expenses - - - - -	2,000	75,300	75,300
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		\$128,352	\$ 65,832
		2,000	2,000

The complexity of the Funds and Grants is the result of the State Aid Law and its amendments. Admittedly, it is confusing to legislators and librarians. As long as it is the law, that is the way the funds have to be administered.

Prospects for State Aid-1956-57

You probably know that the Governor recommended much of what was requested in the budget by the State Board for Libraries. For details see the article "The Governor's Recommendation" in this issue of the *Michigan Librarian*. It requested \$536,615 for the State Library and the Law Library, the Governor recommended \$510,082. He recommended \$455,000 for Basic Grants to Public Libraries, the figure requested, which would provide for a distribution of 6½ cents per capita. The State Board asked for \$128,352 for Public Library Development Grants and the Governor recommended only \$65,832. We had requested \$73,200 for three Regional Information and Interlibrary Loan Centers, the Governor recommended only \$21,500. This might provide enough for one Information and Interlibrary Loan Center. If we hope to get 3 centers we will have to have the \$73,200 figure which will make the total for Public Library Development Grants increase to the \$128,352 originally requested.

The Legislators have a tendency to add the Basic Grant and the Public Library Development Grant figures together and assume if the total of the two is more than we got last year we are better off than we were. This is not necessarily so, for the State Aid Law specifies how the money is to be used. Last year we received \$400,000 appropriated for Aid to Local Libraries. That was more than the usual \$362,000 we had been receiving, but how it was divided between the Basic Grants and Library Development Grants was very important to the financial position of all libraries throughout the state. Any changing of the figures: \$455,000 or \$128,352 at the expense of the other figure is not a satisfactory solution to the problem.

You Can Help

We may have to compromise and accept reduced figures. If so, how the reduction should be applied should be decided by the State Board for Libraries. The information can be transmitted to the Legislature by the State Library and the Legislative Committee. Right now the thing to do is insist we must have

the \$455,000 and the \$128,352 requested. If your library does not stand to benefit from these increased figures, your chance may come some other time. We are all in this together. We can help libraries throughout the state if you will:

1. Make an individual effort to contact your legislator and explain what it is we want. Suggest he speak to members of the Senate Appropriations Committee and members of the House Ways and Means Committee.
2. Invite your legislator to your library and explain what State Aid means to your library in terms of service you can render the community.
3. Alert local organizations to the need for the amount proposed in the budget. Ask them to contact their legislators.
4. Inform the Legislative Committee of progress you have made. This will help us greatly in our work with the individual legislators as we contact them in Lansing. Make your reports to Robert Armstrong, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Room 1006, City-County Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

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We Must Present a United Front

You may be on the staff of a library that does not receive Penal Fine money and assume this fight is not important to you. As long as we can keep the

fines for libraries you may someday get some money. Once the township people get the money, be assured you will never get any of it. We must present a united front. You have to argue for Penal Fines for libraries whether or not your library benefits directly.

The township officials say they need money. They want the power to levy fines and put the fine receipts in their township treasury. They argue cities can do this and they should have the same privileges as cities. They forget to mention that cities levy a tax on real and personal property to pay for the services they enjoy. The townships generally levy no tax on real and personal property and many of the services they enjoy are supplied by the counties. Many of the townships throughout the state do not need additional funds to operate. The townships in large urban areas desperately need more money because of their recent rapid growth. We are not opposed to their getting more



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Halfway Measure Offers No Solution

The township people will also be lobbying and we must meet and refute their arguments. You know your district and your legislator and are the best judge of how to do this. We did have several meetings with the township officials and did try to work out a bill which would be satisfactory to both sides. The best offer they made was to propose that we could have all Penal Fine money collected from violations on state trunk highways and they would get all other Penal Fine moneys. To accept their offer would have assured us of some Penal Fine money—for a while. How much we would continue to get and how much

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we would have lost, we do not know. The State Board for Libraries did not know. The township officials did not know. The Justices of the Peace did not know. Some people said we wouldn't lose much. The Executive Board of the Michigan Library Association and the State Board for Libraries felt we could not possibly agree to such an indefinite proposal. We are not opposed to townships, but we are opposed to their getting the money we cannot get along without.

It only takes the passage of one bill for us to lose Penal Fines. Whether we have the fines or not at the end of this legislative session depends upon the Governor, the Legislature, the Legislative Committee and most of all upon you.

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Progress in State Library Building Plans

The Legislature has asked the architects, Smith, Hinchman and Grylls of Detroit, to proceed with plans for a new state office building with a wing for the State Library and a second building to house the Law Library and Supreme Court. Both buildings are to be located directly west of the Capitol.

Last fall the Legislature asked the state Department of Administration to recommend the amount of space required for the State Library. The department appointed a Library Building Advisory Committee including William Chait, Walter H. Kaiser, Jackson E. Towne, Ralph A. Ulveling and Frederick H. Wagman. The committee was asked to study the functions and requirements of the State Library. The main issue was what space should be provided for the growth of the State Library. At what point should the State Library be required to move part of its collection to storage space in the outskirts of Lansing.

The advisory committee recommended that space be planned in the new State Library Building for increase in staff and book collection (with the use of some compact shelving) for

about ten years at which point storage space would be required. Their recommendations called for net space of 65,250 sq. ft; 25,250 sq. ft. for the use of library patrons and library staff and 40,000 for books and other library materials.

These recommendations have been forwarded to the architects. They are now developing a preliminary plan which calls for a library wing of three floors and partial basement on the west end of the new state office building. The planning of the Supreme Court - Law Library Building is also going forward.

Plans for both buildings will be presented to this session of the Legislature with the request for an appropriation to begin construction of the two buildings.

These buildings are probably the most important factor involved in the future service of the State Library. It is necessary that all state legislators hear from librarians, trustees and patrons about the value of the services of the State Library and that they support the request for funds for adequate quarters for the Law Library and the general State Library.

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The Library Services Bill H.R.2840, S.205

Federal legislation sometimes seems very remote. We feel any benefits to be derived will apply to other people and other sections of the country. The Library Services Bill is something that can help many libraries in this state. If you will agree that a grant totaling over \$1,000,000.00 can help libraries in Michigan, then you should be for the Library Services Bill.

Primarily the bill is to provide funds for strengthening library services in rural areas only. This means in open country and in towns of less than 10,000 population. It cannot be used for service to any community larger than 10,000. However if a larger community will extend its library services to areas of less than 10,000 population, the smaller community can pay for the library services it receives out of Federal funds. This arrangement is within the provision of the Federal law, if the smaller communities were part of the state library agency's official plan for use of the money.

The funds would be available over a five year period and would be distributed on a basis of the basic allotment plus an allotment based on the amount of the rural population in the state. It is estimated Michigan's annual allotment would be \$219,000.00. The Library Services Bill provides a minimum of strings attached to it. The official state library agency is given the responsibility for distributing the funds with no dictation from the Federal government. The state, in order to qualify, must contribute matching funds based on their economic ability to pay. Michigan's quota would be an expenditure of \$285,500 by state and local governments. In view of the support libraries receive in our state this qualification should be easy to meet.

Help for the Small Library

This legislation should help the smaller library in the small community and will do it with a minimum of outside domination. The small library will be given money over a five year period which will enable it to prove the value of good library service in the community. Without this bill, many libraries

would be deprived of the opportunity to prove to their community what they have been missing. Those who have enjoyed good library service have no way of knowing what good service can do for them and their children.

This bill will not solve all of America's library problems. It can serve as an incentive to state and local communities to do something about providing library service where there is none. It is hoped that communities, after having the value of libraries demonstrated to them will then support the library local contributions. That has been the pattern in Michigan. The Iosco-Arenac and the Grand Traverse Regional Library Projects prove that, given a chance, libraries can win local support.

Help get the Library Services Bill passed during this session of Congress. Write to your U.S. Senators and tell them you are in favor of S 205. Write to your U.S. Representative and tell him you are in favor of H.R. 2840. Ask them to speak to committee members who are holding hearings on these bills. Two U.S. Representatives, Martha Griffiths, (D) 17th district and Ruth Thompson, (R) 9th District were among those who introduced H.R. 2840. Write them and tell them you favor the bill and ask them to use their influence to have it reported favorably from the committee. Obviously they are in favor of the bill. They would like to know how you feel about it.

Wishing won't make it become law. Writing your representatives in Washington may not make it pass, but it will help and your friends can also help.

Change of Address?

Resignation?

New Appointment?

Tell Your M.L.A. Executive
Secretary

Write Your Legislators

The success or the failure of any legislative program may appear to rest upon the abilities and work of the lobbyists at the Capital. You, the letters you write, the visits you make, and the phone calls you place actually determine how the legislature is going to vote on the measures you are interested in.

The following, which is reprinted from the November 17, 1955 issue of the American Library Association *Washington Newsletter*, gives good practical advice which all of us could follow.

Why Write Your Congressman — And How

Nearly every Congressman looks forward to "opinions from the grass roots". The average member gets 200 letters a day and reads most of them. He knows that every letter represents a potential vote, and, unless he is a rare exception, he wants to keep his seat.

Don't ever hesitate to write for fear of imposing on your Congressman.

There Is an Art to Writing a Congressman . . . Here Are the Fundamental Do's

DO make your letter as legible as possible.

DO be brief and to the point. State your stand and your reasons as concisely as possible. Write about only one issue in each letter. If you are writing about a particular bill, identify it.

DO make your letter express your individuality. Use your own words and your own stationery. Don't let anyone else write your letter.

DO be sure to give your address and sign your name legibly. A surprising number of persons neglect this and bear lifelong grudges against Congressmen who have been unable to reply.

DO be courteous and reasonable. You will expect the same treatment in his reply.

DO write your Congressman when he does something of which you approve. Congressmen are often criticized for the way they vote; they seldom receive praise. Accordingly they often get a

one-sided view of public opinion, and switch their votes in the erroneous belief that they are doing what the public wants, when actually they may be following the desires of a vocal minority.

DO write shortly before or at the time the matter is being discussed. If you wait too long, your opinion may arrive too late to be of any use.

There Are a Number of Things You Should Not Do in Writing Your Congressman . . .

DON'T begin on the righteous note of "as a citizen and a taxpayer"; he assumes that you are not an alien and he knows we all pay taxes.

DON'T apologize for writing and taking his time.

DON'T say "I hope this gets by your secretary". Although the secretary always reads the mail first, Congressmen try to read all their mail and dictate a reply.

DON'T be rude or threatening. It will get you nowhere.

DON'T send a carbon copy. Write each one individually; it's the courteous thing to do.

REMEMBER — It is the straightforward letter carrying the appeal of earnestness that commands the interest and respect of Members of Congress. A congressman never tires of hearing from constituents who have something to contribute to the welfare of the Nation. He knows they write to make their opinions heard and that he is their voice in Washington.

Your State Legislator does not get 200 letters per day and of course he is primarily interested in the welfare of the State. The rules apply whenever you write to any elected official.

Any legislator will get a letter promptly if you wish to send it to him in care of the House or Senate, State Capitol Building, Lansing, Michigan. The mail is delivered directly to his desk, and you don't need to worry about a secretary screening it.

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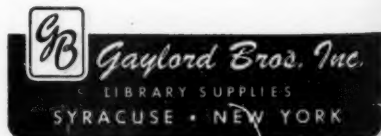
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Of Interest

Hospital Section

Holds its spring meeting at the V.A. Hospital, Battle Creek, Friday, May 11. Subject under discussion will be "A Look at the Miracle Drugs". Panel will consist of a doctor, psychologist, and librarian. One of the speakers will be Dr. Vanderkamp of the V.A. Hospital. Others will be announced later.

Reference, College, and Catalog Sections

Hold joint meeting, April 20, Curtis Lounge, Jr. College, 1351 E. Court Street, Flint. Registration will be from 10-12:00, cost 50c. Coffee served at 10:00 AM. Buffet luncheon, \$2.00. Specify when making reservations whether fish or meat. Luncheon speaker, Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian reviewing Michigan Regional network of reference and information services plan. Following lunch a two panel discussion. Speaker, Sister M. Claudia, Marygrove College, "The College Library". Tours of new buildings, 10-12 PM, 4-4:30 PM. Reservations should be made no later than April 17. Send to Mrs. Edith P. Spencer, Public Library, Flint 3.

Recruiting Committee

Asks that any librarian or group of librarians who plans to be engaged in any type of recruiting activity or career program contact committee for kit of up-to-date materials on librarianship as a career. Kit will be mailed upon request and some items can be sent in sufficient quantity to be given to prospective recruits. Direct request to James Dodd, Recruiting Chairman, Campbell Branch, Detroit Public Library, 6625 W. Fort.

Committee continues to ask for names and addresses of young people interested in becoming librarians. Please send.

Scholarship Committee

Application blanks for scholarships will be distributed at the spring district meetings but may also be secured from Anna Frances Tuffley, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Northern Michigan College, Marquette. Deadline for applications, May 25, 1956.

Newcomer's Committee

Extends a big hello and welcome to all newcomers, to the State of Michigan, be ye new to libraries, be ye new to Michigan, be ye librarian, trustee, secretary, clerk. The Committee would like to meet you personally and as a group. Wants to tell you about Michigan libraries and association. Come meet us and meet one another. . . .

Public library workers, and trustees, college and university library workers please reserve March 29th for Newcomer's Day at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

School librarians please reserve Newcomer's luncheon April 27th at the School and Children's Institute, Kellogg Center.

The Newcomer's Committee hopes to extend each of you a personal invitation but in the meantime, please put these dates on your calendar.

Catholic Library Association, Michigan Unit

Holds its spring meeting at Siena Heights College, Adrian on Saturday, April 21. The theme of meeting will be Non-Book Materials. Principal speaker will be Miss Covelle Newcomb, author of *The Broken Sword*. There will be displays and exhibits.

Attention Future Professional Librarians

The Detroit Public Library Staff Association is again offering a \$300 scholarship to be used for courses leading to a library degree. Anyone on the clerical staff of a library in metropolitan Detroit is eligible. Apply by letter to Lawrence Wember, Chairman, DPL Staff Association Scholarship Committee, Detroit Public Library, citing past experience and education and future career plans. Include the names of two references. Interviews will be arranged later.

Ironwood

Carnegie Library, Henry Engel, Librarian, now shows educational movies at each Saturday session of the Children's story hour. Projector purchased by the local Jr. Women's Club. All films are "free loan" ranging from conservation to travelogues. Mr. Engel reports films are very well received.

TREASURER'S REPORT*

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1955, including all funds - - - - \$ 4,140.48

RECEIPTS

Bement Memorial Fund - - - - -	\$ 210.00	
Conference - - - - -	1,981.71	
Districts - - - - -	128.60	
Dues - - - - -	6,087.50	
Institutional - - - - -	575.00	
Personal - - - - -	5,204.50	
Trustee - - - - -	308.00	
Michigan Librarian - - - - -	1,183.38	
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund - - -	308.66	
Scholarship Fund - - - - -	332.51	
Miscellaneous - - - - -	11.77	
Total Receipts - - - - -	\$10,244.13	
GRAND TOTAL - - - - -		\$14,384.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Advisory Council and Exec. Board - -	920.04	
A.L.A. Membership - - - - -	37.00	
A.E.A. of Mich. Membership - - - -	10.00	
A.L.A. Chapter Status Election - - -	101.36	
Committees, Special - - - - -	496.94	
Auditing - - - - -	15.00	
Intellectual Freedom - - - - -	3.00	
Library Laws Study - - - - -	54.74	
Library Development - - - - -	32.70	
Newcomers' - - - - -	59.36	
Nominating and Elections - - - -	132.16	
Recruiting - - - - -	112.36	
Relations with Publishers - - - -	73.44	
Statement of Belief - - - - -	14.18	
Committees, Standing - - - - -	1,105.17	
Legislative - - - - -	789.56	
Membership - - - - -	111.70	
Planning - - - - -	113.41	
Public Relations - - - - -	21.37	
Publications - - - - -	14.60	
Salary, Staff, Tenure - - - - -	54.53	
Conference - - - - -	122.28	
Contingent - - - - -	73.91	
Districts - - - - -	180.89	
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund - - -	263.07	
Scholarship Fund - - - - -	163.75	
Special Projects Fund - - - - -	100.68	
Michigan Librarian - - - - -	2,987.12	
Executive Secretary, Salary - - - -	1,213.60	
Office Expense - - - - -	1,241.92	
Bonding Fee - - - - -	62.50	
Clerical Aid to Officers - - - -	112.36	
Clerical Aid to Exec. Sec'y. - - -	293.90	
Postage and Express - - - - -	120.92	
Stationery and Supplies - - - - -	581.85	
Telephone and Telegraph - - - -	70.39	

January 1 --- December 31, 1955

Sections - - - - -	278.00
Adult Education - - - - -	4.68
Catalog - - - - -	56.15
College - - - - -	12.00
County - - - - -	23.40
Hospital - - - - -	8.00
Reference - - - - -	71.77
School and Children - - - - -	102.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - - -	\$ 9,295.73

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1955 - -	\$14,384.61
(Includes all funds)	
Total Disbursements - - - - -	9,295.73
Balance on Hand - - - - -	5,088.88
Bement Memorial Fund - - - - -	\$1,332.35**
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund - - - - -	357.71
Scholarship Fund - - - - -	255.33
Special Projects - - - - -	50.02
General M.L.A. Funds - - - - -	3,093.47
Balance in Treasury December 31, 1955, including all funds - - - - -	5,088.88
Balance in Chemical State Savings Bank - - -	4,088.88
Balance in Capitol Savings and Loan Co. - - -	1,000.00
Bement Memorial Fund	
On hand, January 1, 1955 - - - - -	1,122.35
Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1955 - - -	210.00
Disbursements January 1 - December 31, 1955 -	—0—
Balance, December 31, 1955 - - - - -	1,332.35
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund	
On hand, January 1, 1955 - - - - -	312.12
Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1955 - - -	308.66
Disbursements January 1 - December 31, 1955 -	263.07
Balance, December 31, 1955 - - - - -	357.71
Scholarship Fund	
On hand, January 1, 1955 - - - - -	86.57
Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1955 - - -	332.51
Disbursements January 1 - December 31, 1955 -	163.75
Balance, December 31, 1955 - - - - -	255.33
Special Projects	
Balance, January 1, 1955 - - - - -	150.70
Receipts, January 1 - December 31, 1955 - - -	—0—
Disbursements January 1 - December 31, 1955 -	100.68
Balance, December 31, 1955 - - - - -	50.02

*I, Lewis F. Gotlieb, Accountant, City of Midland, hereby certify that I have audited the books of record and account of the Michigan Library Association at the request of Keith Doms, Treasurer, and have found them to be in order and correct.

**Of this amount, \$1,000.00 is on deposit at Capitol Savings and Loan Company, Lansing, Michigan.

MICHIGAN LIBRARY

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1956	- -	\$5,088.88
Bement Memorial Fund	- - - -	\$1,332.35
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund	- - -	357.71
Scholarship Fund	- - - -	255.33
Special Projects	- - - -	50.02
Balance of General M.L.A. Funds	- -	3,093.47

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1956

Dues	- - - - -	5,750.00
Institutional	- - - - -	550.00
Personal	- - - - -	4,900.00
Trustee	- - - - -	300.00
Conference	- - - - -	2,000.00
Registration	- - - - -	700.00
Exhibitors	- - - - -	1,300.00
Michigan Librarian	- - - - -	1,225.00
Advertising	- - - - -	1,200.00
Sales and Subscriptions	- - - - -	25.00
Grand Total of Estimated Funds for 1956		\$12,068.47*

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 1956

Advisory Council and Executive Board		850.00
A.L.A. Membership	- - - - -	39.00
A.E.A. of Mich. Membership	- - -	10.00
Committees, Special	- - - - -	680.00
Allerton Park Conference	- - - - -	25.00
Auditing	- - - - -	15.00
Intellectual Freedom	- - - - -	25.00
Library Development	- - - - -	100.00
M.L.A. Policy	- - - - -	50.00
Newcomers'	- - - - -	50.00
Nominating and Election	- - - - -	130.00
Recruiting	- - - - -	200.00
M.L.A. Exhibits	- - - - -	75.00
Trustee Citation	- - - - -	10.00
Committees, Standing	- - - - -	1,485.00
Legislative	- - - - -	1,000.00
Membership	- - - - -	100.00
Planning	- - - - -	150.00
Public Relations	- - - - -	110.00
Publications	- - - - -	50.00
Salary, Staff, Tenure	- - - - -	50.00
Scholarship	- - - - -	25.00
Conference	- - - - -	1,200.00
Contingent	- - - - -	1,981.47
Districts	- - - - -	200.00
Executive Secretary, Salary	- - - - -	1,428.00
Michigan Librarian	- - - - -	2,500.00

TIME TO PAY 1956 M.L.A. DUES

ASSOCIATION BUDGET --- 1956

Office Expense - - - - -	1,275.00
Bonding Fee (Expiration date: 1958)	
Clerical Aid to Exec. Sec'y. - - - -	300.00
Clerical Aid to Officers - - - - -	100.00
Postage and Express - - - - -	125.00
Stationery and Supplies - - - - -	625.00
Telephone and Telegraph - - - - -	125.00
Sections - - - - -	420.00
Adult Education - - - - -	50.00
Catalog - - - - -	65.00
College - - - - -	30.00
County Libraries - - - - -	50.00
Hospital - - - - -	30.00
Reference - - - - -	30.00
School and Children's - - - - -	165.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$12,068.47

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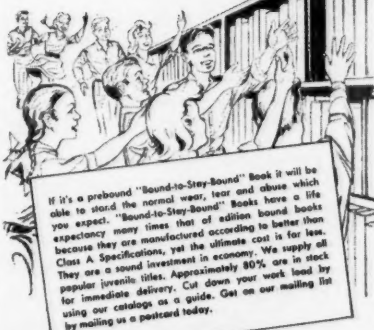
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- II — Thursday, May 10, Adrian
- III — Wednesday, May 24, Birmingham
- IV — Thursday, May 3, Ludington
- V — Wednesday, May 2, Lapeer
- VI — Thursday, May 24, Petoskey
- VII — Saturday, May 26, Menominee

Summer Workshops Michigan State Library

Emphasis: Work with Children

- July 30 - August 3 — Higgins Lake
- August 13-17 — Marquette
- August 27-31 — St. Mary's Lake

School and Children's Section

- April 27-28 — Spring Institute, Kellogg Center, M.S.U., East Lansing
- September 21-22 — Institute, St. Mary's Lake
- October 4-5 — Institute, Escanaba
- October 20 — Center State Meeting, Tawas City
- March 29 — Newcomer's Day, Kellogg Center, M.S.U., East Lansing
- April 20 — Reference, College, Catalog Sections, Curtis Lounge, Jr. College Flint
- April 21 — Catholic Library Association, Michigan Unit Siena Heights College, Adrian
- April 27 — School librarian newcomers, Kellogg Center, M.S.U., East Lansing

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For the librarian of the smaller school or public library, the mere mechanics of book ordering can be a headache. The 1955 Michigan Library Association Committee on Relations with Publishers, Chairman Robert Orr, discussed the problem and agreed that a standard form and procedure for book orders would be of help to Michigan librarians.

At present, the larger libraries have set up their own procedure, many of them submitting lists of their needs in advance to various firms and awarding the order to the lowest bidder. The required order procedure can then be

agreed upon by both librarian and bookseller.

However, the majority of libraries do not have such a working agreement. Generally, their books are bought from various sources, as needed. One source may supply pre-bound books, another text-books, and yet another currently popular books of all publishers. In addition, some publishers deal directly with the libraries.

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Michigan's Library Heritage — A Statement of Belief

(FROM A SCHOOL LIBRARIAN'S VIEWPOINT)

The vastness of our heritage brings a feeling of awe to all who work with books. The huge amount of knowledge that has been gathered and preserved — with always much more to come — carries a deep sense of responsibility to librarians. Ours is the duty — and pleasure — to seek, collect, organize and dispense. It is a happy task to bring people and library materials together.

Every type of library is concerned in this assimilation of knowledge for will there are not always be variables both in mankind and in materials? None of us may work alone for it is only through our combined efforts that any degree of success can be achieved. We all have essentially the same goals and every avenue of approach needs to be followed in order to attain them. The triad of cooperation, mutual understanding and respect should be the keynote for all of our endeavors. What school librarian has not felt a keen satisfaction and sense of pride upon hearing a student say, "Well, I've covered the material in this library so I'll go to the Public Library to look for more." The satisfaction comes from the realization that our work has not been in vain and that the search for information is now an integral part of this person. The pride is because we know that we are part and parcel of all institutions which disseminate knowledge.

To bring to children and young people the opportunities and encouragement which they so richly deserve is a challenge to us who serve them. It is our hope that we may see these reflected in their lives so that they may adequately perform their part in propagating the American way of life. Whatever good we are able to do for our youth we do also for our country and for the ages. It is as important for us to bring culture into the lives of small children as it is to bring it into the lives of adults for how else may we hope to pin our faith on an enlightened and happy citizenry?

Our great responsibility as librarians is to work together in the field of library service so that our patrons, both young and older, may always look to their libraries for assistance and guidance. We can be truly thankful that there IS such a desire for education, information and healthful recreation.

To us comes the challenge — do we accept it?

Hazel Brown, Chairman
School and Children's Section

